

CELEBRATING YOUR MARRIAGE AT HOLY REDEEMER CHURCH

Congratulations! The Catholic community of Holy Redeemer rejoices with you on your decision to be married in the church. To help you prepare for the celebration of your wedding, we have some guidelines for you to remember to keep the sacredness of the Sacrament of Marriage and enhance the significance and sentiment of your wedding day. Likewise, The Canon Law of the universal Catholic Church and Diocesan regulations have to be observed.

Foremost, Church law requires that both of you must be free to marry, that is, neither of you was married before. If there has been a previous marriage, be it Catholic, non-Catholic, or civil, annulment must be completed before a wedding date can be scheduled. The priest will assist you in starting this process. Other documents, in addition to the decree of annulment, may be required, namely, death certificate (of previous spouse if applicable), canonical dispensations and permissions (if necessary).

PREPARATION

The whole preparation process generally takes four to six months during which period the following requirements have to be done and complied with:

1. Bring an updated certificate of baptism issued within the six months preparation period. This certificate includes dates and places of your First Communion and Confirmation, respectively.
2. Schedule an appointment with the priest. Four forms called B-form will be given by the priest at the initial interview. This form requests the couple to name two witnesses (usually parents or close relatives) each who know you sufficiently well and to state that you are free to marry. This document must be filled out and be signed before a notary public or a priest.
3. Attend a retreat/workshop. A list of upcoming workshops and dates will be provided.
4. Complete the on-line Fully Engaged Inventory. The session will be created by the Parish Office staff. You will be notified via email the code you will use to start the inventory session.
5. Come to discuss the evaluation results with the priest working with you on the marriage preparation. This may take 4 or more meeting times.
6. Wedding tentative date may be set b

(Note: All required documents must be completed and submitted to the Parish Office at least two months prior to your wedding date.)

WEDDING TIMES

Time and date for the wedding depends on the availability of the church and the priest. Weddings on a Saturday are scheduled at the latest at 1:00pm.

LICENSE

The couple is required to obtain a marriage license at least a month before the ceremony.

REHEARSAL

Generally, rehearsals are scheduled the day before the wedding but other arrangements can be arranged with the Parish Office.

OFFERINGS

The Holy Redeemer Church appreciates donations from couples in different amounts. Generally though, couples donate a small amount of \$350 to the Church. If music is desired, a fee of \$150 is paid to the Music Minister.

WEDDING CELEBRATION

1. Music selected for the wedding should be appropriate for a liturgical celebration. A music wedding guide, both for English and Spanish, prepared by the Music Minister contains a list of music pieces you can choose from. For any questions, please contact the Music Minister.
2. Readings suggested by the Church are found in "Together for Life" booklet which will be given to the couple. The Roman Catholic Liturgy of the Word consists of three readings: one from the Old Testament, one from the New Testament, and one from the Gospels. You may choose any from these three options. It is also fine to have someone read the Prayers of the Faithful. Once selected, please advise the Parish Office by email or phone call of your selections as these will be prepared for your designated readers.
3. Flowers to decorate the church is allowed. We, however, request no fresh flowers are strewn in the aisles. These are slipping hazards and difficult to clean up before the next church event.
The tossing of flowers, confetti, rice or birdseed is strictly prohibited for the same reason. The same request applies to the use of floor runners.
4. Photographers at your wedding are welcome. They are, however, not allowed to take pictures from the altar area of the sanctuary and should not be intrusive during your celebration.

Note: The church does not provide cultural accessories for your wedding, like unity candle, lazos, guest book, or programs.

ETIQUETTE REQUEST

The church is a sacred place. We expect everyone to dress appropriately.

**Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
Wedding Application Form**

Please print all information and return by fax to 407 847 9687
or email to mfaversani@hredeemer.org

Groom's Name: _____ Age _____

Telephone: _____ Email address: _____

Are you baptized Catholic? ___ Parish _____ When _____

Have you had previous marriage (even civilly)? ___ How did it end?
Divorce ___ Annulment ___ Death of Spouse ___

Language preferred for the marriage ceremony _____

Intended Place of the marriage ceremony _____

What is your preference? With Mass _____ Ceremony only _____

Bride's Name: _____ Date of birth _____

Telephone: _____ Email address: _____

Are you baptized Catholic? ___ Parish _____ When _____

Have you had previous marriage (even civilly)? ___ How did it end?
Divorce ___ Annulment ___ Death of Spouse ___

Language preferred for marriage ceremony _____

Intended place of marriage ceremony _____

What is your preference? With Mass ___ Ceremony only ___